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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON JUMBE

1. AMBASSADOR SPAIN'S INITIAL VISIT TO ZANZIBAR, FEB 12-15, PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ABOU DLJUMBE AND MEET OTHER GOZ OFFICIALS.

2. DEVELOPMENT WAS PRINCIPAL TOPIC OF CONVERSATION IN JUMBE MEETING. HE ASKED IF US WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP. HE STRESSED HIS INTEREST IN IMPROVING ZANZIBAR'S FOOD POSITION TO AT LEAST POINT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND, WHILE HE SEEMED HAVE NO SPECIFIC AREA WHERE HE WANTED US PARTICIPATION, HE DID MENTION THAT ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING RICE AND MAIZE YIELDS WOULD BE HELPFUL. AMBASSADOR SAID US WILLING TRY FIND WAY BE OF MODEST HELP TO ZANZIBAR WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF MAINLAND TANZANIAN AID PROGRAM; HE THOUGHT WE MIGHT LOOK AT POSSIBILITIES OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN SUCH AREAS AS SEED MULTIPLICATION OR SOIL TESTING.

3. AT LATER MEETING WITH MINSTATE HASSAN MOYO IT WAS AGREED THAT US WOULD START WITH MAIZE, PARTICULARLY ITS PRODUCTION IN POORER CORAL AREAS, AND THAT AID EXPERT WOULD COME TO ZANZIBAR AT EARLY DATE FOR PRELIMINARY STUDY, WHICH MIGHT BE FOLLOWED UP BY LONGER VISITS OF TECHNICIANS. THIS WOULD ENABLE US SEE IF SPECIFIC PROJECTS FEASIBLE. MOYO SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD AMBASSADOR HE HAD REPORTED DECISION TO JUMBE AND SAID THAT JUMBE PLEASED.

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4. ATMOSPHERE OF INITIAL VISIT FAVORABLE. GOZ IN SOME DISORDER
DUE TO SENIOR PERSONNEL CHANGES AND CREATION OF NEW DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRY (SEPTTEL) BUT THIS DID NOT SERIOUSLY INTERFERE WITH VISIT.
MEETING WITH JUMBE HELD UNDER RAILROAD-STATION CONDITIONS WITH
TV CAMERAS AND MOST OF CABINET ON HAND. THIS WAS NOT CONDUCIVE TO
SERIOUS TALK BUT CONSIDER THAT MEETING WENT WELL AND CONSULATE
UNDERSTANDS JUMBE ALSO PLEASED WITH MEETING. DURING RECEPTION
GIVEN BY PRINCIPAL OFFICER AMBASSADOR ALSO HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY SECRETARY-GENERAL SHEIKH THABIT KOMBO WHO
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FILLING AMBASSADOR IN ON ORGANIZATIONAL DETAILS
OF "MY PARTY". FOR SHEIKH THABIT AND OTHERS THIS WAS UNFAMILIAR,
CLOSE CONTACT WITH AMERICANS WHICH GIVES EVIDENCE OF EFFORT TO
MAKE AMBASSADOR FEEL WELCOME.
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